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A fringe-lipped bat from Central America.

## UNO's 'Batman' bashes bat myths

BY ERIC STOAKES

**A**s dusk falls over the caverns in Carlsbad, N.M., the sky fades to a deep purple. The night air is still as the anxious visitors fill the large stone amphitheater awaiting the flight. Suddenly, in a continuous and steady stream, hundreds of thousands of bats begin pouring out of the cave's mouth. At a distance, the majestic outpouring resembles a column of smoke, rising symmetrically into the sky.

It's a Bat Flight.

UNO Associate Biology Professor Kenneth Geluso said he has witnessed this nightly exodus of Mexican free-tailed bats more than 75 times. Geluso, a bat specialist, co-authored the informational booklet, "Bats of Carlsbad Caverns National Park."

"The bats, depending on what time a year, come storming out right over the heads of the people in the amphitheater," Geluso said. "And people just go absolutely wild seeing this. It's very spectacular and very exciting."

In recent years, Geluso said visitor interest in the Bat Flight program has increased.

"The bats had always been something on the side at Carlsbad, but now the Bat Flight has become a very popular, free program that runs from late spring to early fall," he said.

In the winter, the bats migrate to Mexico, but during the spring, summer and fall months, Carlsbad is home to more than a quarter of a million bats.

"Carlsbad is large maternity roost," Geluso said. "There are some adult males but it's mostly females that give birth and then raise the babies."

Geluso said the Mexican free-tails, which are insect-eating bats, fly out of the cave each evening.

"The mothers go out and eat and then they come back and feed the babies milk," he said. "By around August, the babies learn to fly and start eating insects. In the fall, they all go back

to Mexico."

Geluso said all species of U.S. bats either migrate or hibernate.

While studying the Carlsbad bats, Geluso said he had to capture many of the animals for research.

"I netted the bats as they would fly out of the cave," he said. "We would use a large scoop net that is about 15 feet long with a hoop about 4 feet in diameter."

"When the bats would come out, it was very thick and you could just swing it up like a butterfly net and catch about 25 in one shot."

Another method Geluso said he used in snaring the animals was a mist net.

"It's like a hair net about 30 feet long and 7 feet high," he said. "You would string them across water and when the bats would come down to drink, they would get tangled up in the net."

Geluso said there was no particular reason why he became interested in bats.

"When I was a youngster, I used to collect animals, so I've always been interested in animals," he said. "And then when I went to college, I studied biology, and when I got my master's degree, I studied rodents in Oklahoma."

He said when he attended the University of New Mexico, "it just turned out that I studied bats for my dissertation."

"There is no fancy story about my interest," he said. "It wasn't like a light came on."

He said one of the interesting facts about bats is they use echolocation.

"It (echolocation) allows them to maneuver in complete darkness even though they have eyes and they can see and use them when it is light," Geluso said. "When it comes to echolocation, it enables them to locate tiny moving insects and eat them."

He said echolocation allows a bat to emit through its mouth or nostrils ultrasonic sounds which echo off objects in the bat's path. These echoes are then picked up by its ears.

"It's sonar, like submarines use sonar," Geluso said. "When

their brains assimilate all this information, they are able to maneuver and avoid striking objects in the dark."

He said another interesting bat fact is the animals' feeding habits.

"There are fruit-eating bats, pollen-eating bats, fish-eating bats and, of course, vampire bats which feed strictly on blood. What's interesting with bats as a group is how diverse they are."

Geluso said many misconceptions about bats exist.

"The misconceptions usually stem from not understanding things," he said. "Bats are nocturnal. You don't see them so you can't learn about them. If you can't learn about them, they can be easily misunderstood."

Since bats are secretive and nocturnal, Geluso said for many years people just did not understand them.

"And when people don't know a lot about bats, it scares them, and that breeds misconceptions about bats."

He said two of the major misconceptions about bats is that they are blind or that they do not have eyes.

"Maybe somebody picked one up and said, 'I don't see any eyes,' and they don't see them because they are so small."

He said what differentiates bats from other mammals is that bats are the only true flying mammals.

"Others, like squirrels, only glide. That's one big distinction."

He said bats are not dangerous to humans.

"That would be like saying a squirrel is dangerous to humans," Geluso said. "If you are talking about rabies, any mammal can be potentially dangerous because any animal can carry rabies."

However, he said incidences of rabies in bats is very low. "It's higher with skunks and other carnivores that roam around."

Vampire bats, which are found in Central America, do occasionally feed on man but are not particularly dangerous, he said.

"If the bat had rabies, then it would be dangerous, just like

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## ELECTIONS '89

### Brown and Sears will face off in run off

By JOHN WATSON

The election is over and the votes have been counted, but students still do not know who will be the next student president/regent.

Kelli Sears and Chad Brown will face each other in a run-off election tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15.

In last week's election, Sears finished first and Brown second, ahead of incumbent Student President/Regent Paula Effle.

Sears and Brown will debate the issues Nov. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Sears said the debate will give her an opportunity to clarify her position on some issues.

"It (the next debate) will be better," she said. "There is some stuff that I didn't know about in the last debate that I will be studying."

She said she was pleased with the overall election results.

"I think we've really got some quality senators in there," she said. "I'm looking forward to a lot of ideas that we are putting together to increase the credibility of Student Government."

Brown said he was also pleased with the election.

"I feel that I deserved it because I worked really hard," he said. "It's representative of the fact that even a small percentage of the students at UNO want to see a new face in Student Government."

Sears said she would basically keep her campaign strategy the same for the run-off election.

"I'll probably do what I did the last time," Sears said. "I'll talk to student groups and some classes. It's not going to change that much. I don't have any radical ideas."

She said she would like to inform the students on how Student Government functions.

"There are a lot of students who don't even know who their senators are, let alone know that there are senators from each college and class," she said.

Brown, who finished 68 votes behind Sears, said he will change his strategy since there will be only two candidates in the run-off election. He said he will be trying to relate to students on a more personal level.

"I think characteristics like a sense of humor, satire and irony help a person deal with other people and relate to them on a more personal level," he said. "Which is what I think this school needs, instead of people who act like they are machines."

Brown said those characteristics, however, could work



Chad Brown

—Eric Frances



Kelli Sears

—Eric Frances

against him.

"The people who I think I would lose votes from are the people who do not believe that I am serious and that I am serious about what I stand for," he said. "I know when it is time to be serious, and I know when it is time to joke around."

Brown said his party, Cash Money Dollar Bills, is more appealing to students because its members are involved in many campus organizations.

"You lack representation when you have people who are only involved with Student Government-oriented functions," he said.

Brown finished nine votes ahead of Effle.

"The last two hours on the last day of the election is when I got those votes," Brown said.

Although Brown said Effle did not run an aggressive campaign, Effle said she tried to let her record stand for itself.

"I spoke with those organizations that I haven't had the closest contact with and encouraged them to vote," Effle said. "As the incumbent, that is part of my job. It's kind of hard to do the job and campaign for it at the same time."

Effle said she will help the new student president/regent become acquainted with the office, but she said that person must come to her.

"It's not my responsibility to orient the new person if they don't choose to be oriented," she said. "I would hope, for the benefit of the students, that whoever is elected in the run-off will have the initiative to come in and learn what the job is."

## Some representatives picked, others still running

By JOHN WATSON

And the winners are...

Student Election Commissioner Carl Carlson released unofficial results Friday of last week's student elections.

Incumbent Student President/Regent Paula Effle finished last behind Chad Brown and Kelli Sears in the race for student president/regent.

Students can vote for Sears or Brown in a run-off election, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15.

"According to the election rules, a candidate for student president/regent must receive a majority of the votes to be declared the winner," Carlson said.

He said all three candidates were within a few percentage points of each other. "I would guess between 30 and 40 percent," he said. "In fact, second and third were only nine votes apart."

Carlson said the election rules require that the run-off election be between the top two vote getters.

In the Student Senate races, Carlson said some seats will also go before the students in the run-off election.

The race for one of the senate seats from the College of Engineering and Technology resulted in a tie, and the race for the seat from the College of Public Affairs and Community Service resulted in a four-way tie.

Carlson said 953 students voted in this year's election, 93 more than last year.

"I thought the election was handled very professionally," Carlson said. "The poll workers did a great job."

### Run-off election candidates

#### Student president/regent

Kelli K. Sears  
Chad Peter Douglas Brown

#### Engineering & Technology

Joe Kerrigan  
Jason Smith

#### CPACS

Jill Hough  
Lisa Prescott  
Su-ling Toomer  
Robert Hruska

### Student Senate Winners

#### Senior Class

Timothy S. Lonergan  
Michelle Lynn Mercer

#### Junior Class

Raymond George Agosta  
Jill Anne Hornstein

#### Sophomore Class

Douglas Cranfield  
Lee D. Millward

#### Freshman Class

Natalie Leonhardt  
Trent Joseph Marr

#### Graduate Class

James Bath  
David Whittaker Holmes

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Gary Dean Davis  
Kevin Thomas McEvoy  
Mary Reynolds

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Joseph J. Bulterman  
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Raymond Ron Remijio

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Allison Brown-Corson  
Adele J. Johnson

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Gerald Michael O'Doherty

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Joe Wherry  
Kathi Ortmeier

#### Home Economics

Angela Pecana

#### Fine Arts

Matthew M. Shrader



# Some UNO students just missed the point

The votes are in.

Fewer than 1,000 UNO students voted in last week's Student Government elections, which brings up the all-consuming question, "Where were the other 15,000?"

It's not like the *Gateway*, Student Government and the individual candidates didn't remind you. The deluge of fliers, political endorsements and the overwhelming "X" on last Tuesday's paper apparently didn't break the barrier between your conscious and subconscious.

The elections are held every fall. How often do you forget the World Series or Thanksgiving?

Those students who voted (you know who you are) should be congratulated for taking the time and effort to vote. Those of you who didn't, however, need a stern talking to, including members of our staff.

Like an upset father to a guilty child, the *Gateway* is not one to spare the rod, even though the UNO student body is a spoiled one.

We are spoiled because as Student Senate constituents, there is roughly one representative for every 500 UNO students.

Consider these statistics:

● Each Omaha City Council member represents about 30,000 people.

● Theoretically, each University of Nebraska regent represents roughly 130,000 people.

● Bob Kerrey and J.J. Exon each represent about 800,000 Nebraskans, which, for you math fans out there, is a lot more than the 500 who are represented by a student

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senator.

The point is the average UNO student potentially has a lot of say in what goes on in Student Government.

You can pick up a phone and get a direct line to the student president/regent. No evasive public officials, no document-shredding secretary and no press aides. When was the last time you got a hold of Bob or J.J. in the office? So why didn't you vote? Don't you realize you'll never

get the chance for a more representative government, excluding the Falkland Islands, Liechtenstein and western Nebraska?

This was your chance to make a difference, and if you didn't vote, you blew it. Even though Student Government rarely holds more than \$250,000 in its coffers (small change for some university-governing organizations), you could have influenced a dollar or two.

So now it's time for you to be punished.

The yoke of responsibility is hereby clamped around your neck. For the year, semester or however long you're here, you need to be involved.

Sounds severe, doesn't it? Forced to go to senate meetings, Student Programming Organization activities and Maverick sporting events. Forced to read the *Gateway*.

Don't be too alarmed. You'll have plenty of company. You'll be able to experience campus politics and athletics while paying your debt to society.

Just promise yourself you'll vote next time. And then choose to get involved.

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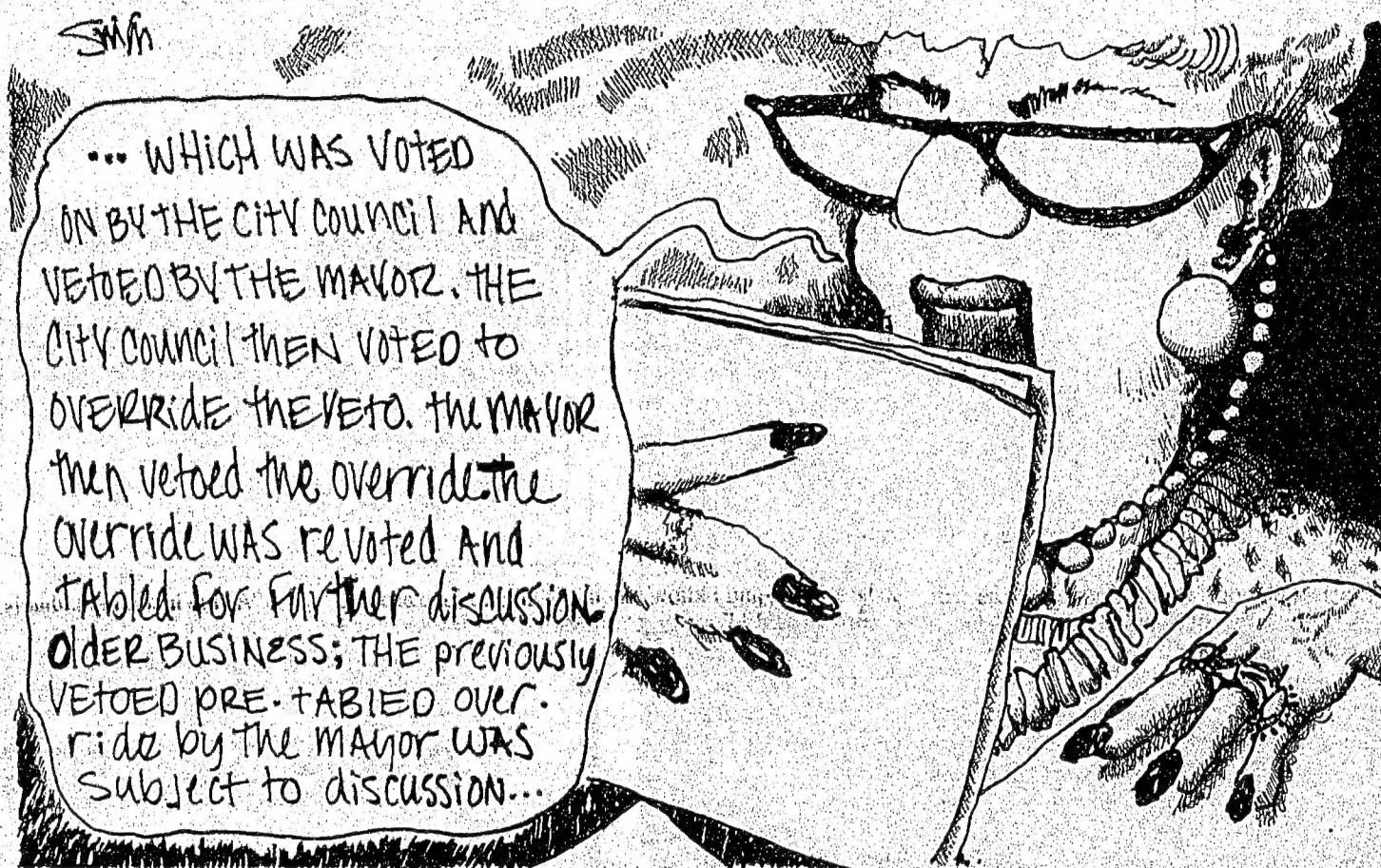
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MINUTES AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

## Flag respect must be spontaneous

Seeing campus flags at half-mast Wednesday moved me to address a topic I've thus far avoided—avoided because my common sense and my emotions refused to confront one another.

Though many of us didn't know the young lady who died so tragically, the lowered flag, like a tolling bell, called us to pause for silent tribute—because she was one of us, one who walked these sidewalks, beneath this flag.

I couldn't help but lament that this same flag we lower in sadness at the passing of friends and raise in celebration of another day of freedom has become the focus of absurd political folly.

Our elected representatives continue to waste precious time and our money deciding how—and if—our symbol of national unity should be protected from common vandals.

Since I spent more than 20 years trying to protect the ideals the flag represents, you might expect me to jump on the bandwagon, the one driven by those who would amend the constitution to protect the flag's fibers from the flames.

Not so.

Oh, it disturbs me deeply that someone would choose to desecrate the flag as a means of protesting injustice—real or imagined. It not only disturbs me, it puzzles me.

Since the right to dissent, to protest, is among the most basic rights the flag represents, why would

anyone choose to attack the symbol of the nation whose constitution so jealously guards his or her right to dissent?

If I took a poll, I doubt that one in 10 people could tell me why those people burned that flag in the case leading to the Supreme Court decision. I know I couldn't.

Maybe this tells us something about flag-burning as a mode of communication. Just about anything else works better.

### Bill WILSON COLUMNIST

When I was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, disarmament protesters carrying signs at the main gate bothered me considerably.

I wanted to ask them if they understood that the very defense establishment they were picketing was protecting their right to picket. I suppose I thought they should abandon their convictions out of respect for the armed services.

I've since changed my mind. I may still disagree with their message, but I no longer begrudge them their right to present that message. Just because our armed forces protect their rights doesn't mean they shouldn't exercise those rights.

The point is this. These protesters focused on a specific issue, and presented a clear message, without attacking the nation itself—or its flag.

So why don't I think the constitution should protect the flag?

Because I believe respect for and protection of the flag must come from the ground up, not from the top down. If respect for the flag and the ideals it represents is not spontaneous, then no law or amendment can dictate that respect.

The very existence of such an amendment would take something away from the flag and the freedom it represents. Do we support and protect our nation's ideals—and its flag—because we believe in what it stands for, or because we go to jail if we don't?

If we continue, as we have for more than 200 years, to voluntarily respect and protect our flag, how do we deal with the occasional individual who chooses to violate the unwritten law?

Ignore him.

It's just cloth he's burning. One person can't destroy a symbol. When he sees his message being ignored, along with his attempt to grab the spotlight, perhaps he'll find a more fitting way to present his message, or at least crawl back under his rock.

Meanwhile, for most of us, the flag will remind us, despite our legitimate differences, there is much that binds us together—even the loss of one of our own.



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Make your opinions known. The *Gateway* Readers Survey has become a regular in the Tuesday issue, and we urge you to participate. As always, you can send your responses to the *Gateway*, Annex 26, or bring it by in person. After business hours, there is a drop box in the door on the west side of the building. You can also drop off your completed surveys at the *Gateway* newsstands in the south entrance of the College of Business Administration, across from Campus Security in the Epley Administration Building and in the main entrance to University Library. We appreciate any and all effort you give to this survey, because we really want to get a research grant to do this.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Mavs hit peaks and valleys in Classic

BY PAUL WILSON

The UNO volleyball team experienced the best and worst of times during the UNO Classic last weekend.

"Lady Mav Coach Karen Uhler said she had mixed emotions about her team's performance in the six team, round robin tournament.

"We played well against some of Division II's top teams," Uhler said. "We were competitive, but fell short in the overall intensity it takes to win a tournament."

UNO, ranked No. 8 in NCAA Division II, finished third in the tournament with a 2-3 record. No. 2 rated Portland State won the tournament with a 5-0 mark. Central Missouri State, ranked No. 6, finished second at 4-1.

The Lady Mavs opened the tournament Friday with a 15-4, 16-14, 10-15 and 16-14 win over unranked Minnesota-Duluth.

Central Missouri State dropped UNO 15-10, 15-13 and 15-4 in Friday's second game.

Junior outside-hitter Brenda Baumann led the Lady Mavs with 23 kill-spikes against Minnesota-Duluth and added 15 against Central Missouri State.

"Central Missouri State is always hard to handle," Baumann said. "Becky Belland is especially tough."

Belland, a junior middle-blocker for 30-4 Central Missouri, led her team with 11 kill-spikes.

On Saturday, the Lady Mavs opened with a 15-11, 15-3, 15-17 and 15-6 win over Northern Colorado. The win was UNO's second over UNC in two days. The Lady Mavs defeated Northern Colorado 15-11, 6-15, 5-15, 15-6 and 16-14 on Thursday.

"It's a real accomplishment to beat Northern Colorado twice in one week," Uhler said. "Our first meeting was one of the most exciting comebacks of our season."

UNO's next opponent, Metropolitan State, staged a comeback of its own by dropping the Lady Mavs 11-15, 8-15, 15-10, 15-11 and 15-10.

"We should have beat Metropolitan State," Uhler said. "We dominated the first two games but lost some of our intensity towards the end

of the match. Tournament fatigue may have been a slight factor."

Freshman middle-blocker Melanie Marquis led the Lady Mavs with 21 kill-spikes against Metro State.

"Our younger players are really contributing," Uhler said. "It's an indication we are growing as a team."

Sophomore setter Jennifer Dickey set a UNO record with 77 set assists against Metro State.

"I'm not too happy about breaking the record in a losing effort," Dickey said. "Anytime I have that many set assists means the match went too long. I would prefer the Lady Mavs win in three straight games."

In the final match of the tournament, UNO fell to Portland State 15-8, 12-15, 15-9 and 15-5.

Baumann added to her weekend totals with 13 kill-spikes against the Vikings.

Despite the loss, senior middle-blocker Nancy Liebenritt said Portland State is a favorite opponent.

"We love to play the defending national champs," she said. "They're a powerhouse that makes you give your best."

Portland State and UNO split the first two games of the match. In the next two games the Vikings' power game came alive and assured PSU a 5-0 tournament sweep.

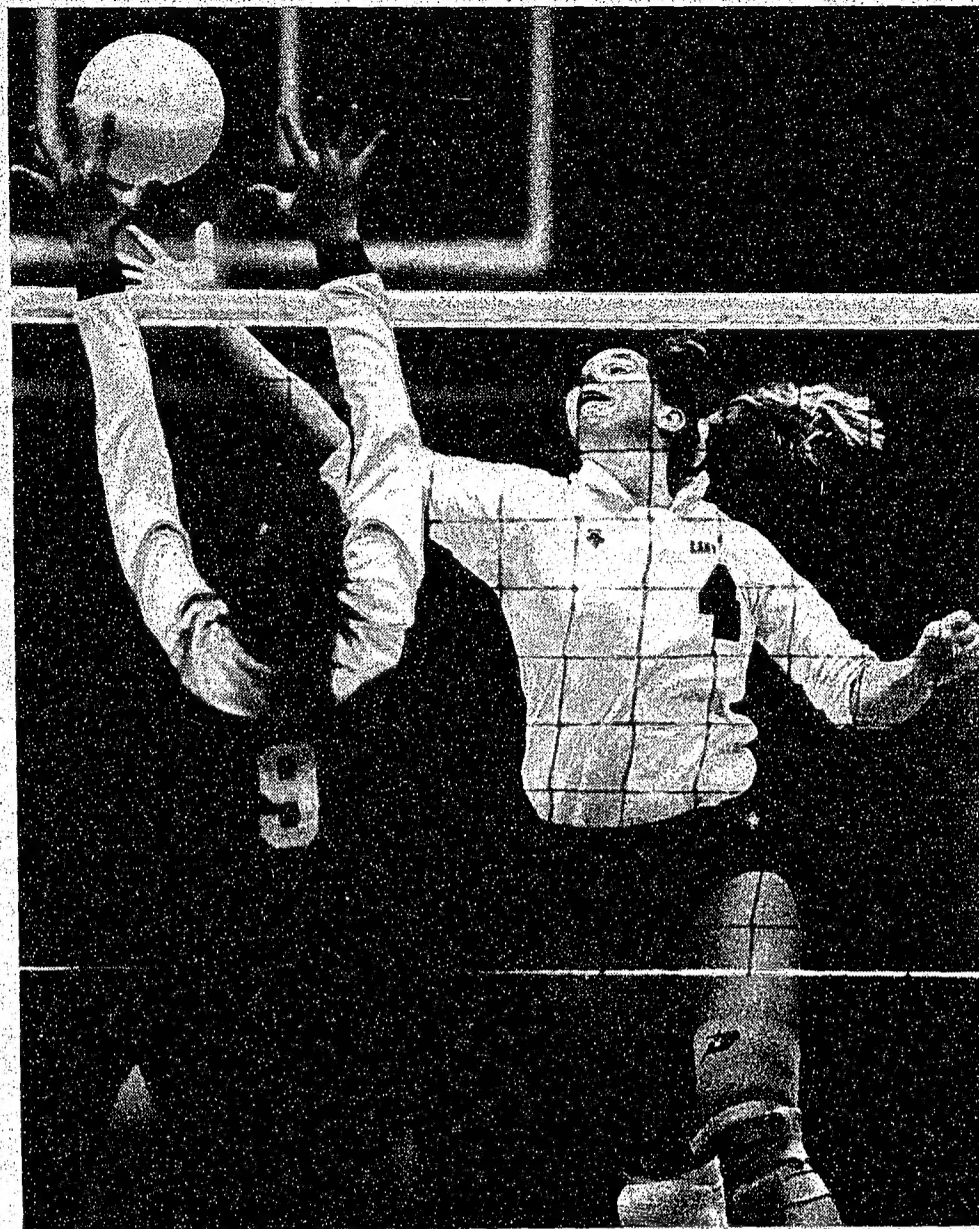
"We fell behind 7-0 in the third game," Uhler said. "We've made comebacks all season, but that was just too much to overcome against the Vikings."

Uhler said she was pleased with the tournament.

"We received excellent media coverage, and the fan support was good," she said. "We may have fell short with our 2-3 record, but the fans still saw some quality volleyball."

Portland State Coach Jeff Mossoschi agreed with Uhler.

"We love playing in Omaha," he said. "This is the third year we've played here. The competition and fan support are what makes it worthwhile."



—Dave Weaver

**A CLASSIC CONFRONTATION.** Lady Maverick middle-blocker Nancy Liebenritt reaches to dink the ball past an opponent during the UNO volleyball Classic this weekend. UNO finished the tournament in third place with a 2-3 record. The Lady Mavs' season mark is 21-12 heading into next weekend's Air Force Premiere.

## Mav wrestlers hope to corral NCC crown

BY JIM ANDERSON

The UNO wrestling team is cocked and loaded for a run at the NCAA Division II title.

With 12 returning lettermen and four returning All-Americans, UNO is ranked No. 3 in NCAA Division II.

"We have experience at every weight with good depth at most weights," UNO Coach Mike Denney said. "We should be a good team with a lot of balance."

UNO opens its season with the Central Missouri State Open Nov. 10-11.

The Mavs, who finished third in the North Central Conference last season, are no stranger to success.

The 1989-90 season closes out a decade of dominance by the Mavericks. UNO finished in the top 10 of Division II nine out of 10 years. The Mavs placed in the top five seven times and had five, top-three finishes.

UNO was the only NCC team with four conference champions last year, Denney said.

Two-time All-American Joe Wypiszewski, a junior 177-pounder, finished third in Division II last year with a 37-10 record. All-Americans Jessie Smith, a 158-pound senior and Mark Passer, a 126-pound junior, also won NCC titles.

Sophomore Kevin Phelps, a 134-pound All-American, finished third in the NCC.

In addition to four All-Americans, the Mavericks return eight other lettermen.

Seniors Shawn Danker at 150, Larry Thompson at 158 and

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## Roundin' up a championship

The UNO wrestling team enters the 1989-90 season ranked No. 3 in NCAA Division II. "We should be a good team with a lot of balance," Maverick Coach Mike Denney said. The Mavs return 12 lettermen from a team that finished third in the North Central Conference.



# Trick or treat, smell my feet, UNO avoids defeat

By GREG KOZOL

After three weeks of tricks, the UNO football team treated Coach Sandy Buda to a victory Saturday night.

"The players needed it," Buda said after the Mavs' 17-10 win over Northern Colorado at Al. F. Caniglia Field. "We worked hard and needed to get some kind of reward."

The win snapped a three-game losing streak and improved UNO's record to 5-4, 4-3 in the North Central Conference.

The losing streak didn't have the Mavs spooked, Buda said. "We weren't talking about losing. We were talking about trying to be 7-4," he said.

Early turnovers stalled UNO's offense, but the Mav defense dominated the Bears in the first half.

"I felt the defense played incredible. They didn't let them drive once," center Jim Olafson said.

With two minutes remaining in the first quarter, Northern Colorado recovered a Maverick fumble on the UNO 28 yard line.

The Bears were unable to move the ball, and Keith Frazier's 46-yard field goal attempt sailed wide left.

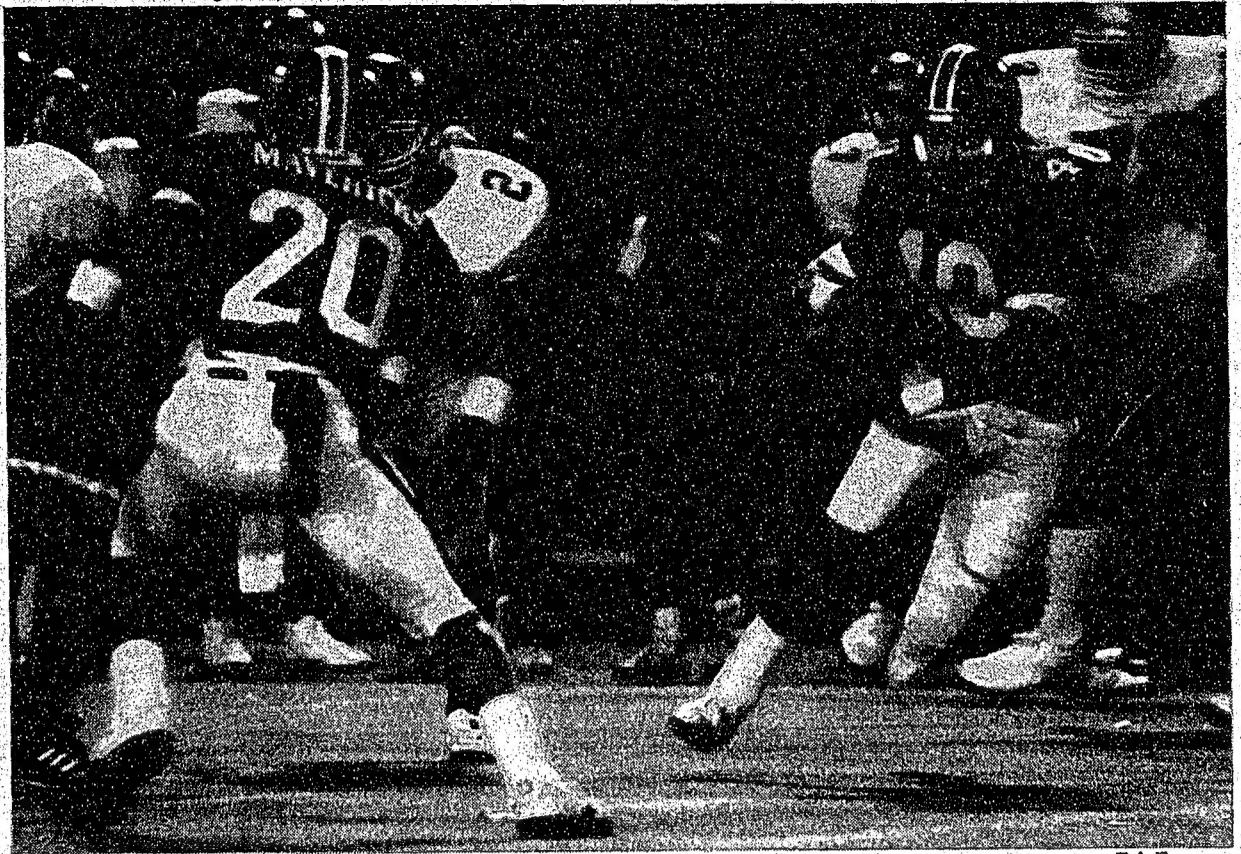
On UNO's next possession, place kicker John Bonacci hit a 51-yard field goal to put the Mavs up 3-0. The kick gave Bonacci the UNO career field goal record with 27.

The Bears intercepted UNO quarterback Paul Cech twice in the first half, but failed to capitalize.

Northern Colorado's special teams stung the Mavericks. Vance Lechman's 50-yard punt return gave Northern Colorado a 7-3 halftime lead.

Despite a halftime deficit, Olafson said the Mavs remained confident.

"I wasn't worried about our offense because I knew their offense wouldn't score on our defense," Olafson said.



—Eric Frances

Abel Fernandez (No. 40) breaks into the backfield behind a block from Bobby Gordon (No. 20).

The offense woke up in the second half, with running backs Roy Napora and LaRon Henderson scoring on short runs.

"We started trying to run inside," Buda said. "Our offense overcame the turnovers in the second half, and the defense played pretty physical."

After UNO's offense came to life, the defense continued to haunt the Bears and freshman quarterback V.J. Lechman.

Left tackle Rich Lutter sacked Lechman twice. Linebacker Kirk Coleman and defensive tackle Paul Storbeck added one sack each.

"When it came time to suck it up, our defense did a real good job holding them," Storbeck said.

UNO's defense was lead by strong safety Dan Sellon, with 11 tackles. Inside linebacker Todd Culp recorded nine.

"It would have been nice to get a goose egg up there," Culp said. "But every win is a big win."

UNO hosts defending Division II National Champion North Dakota State at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

"We hope to get more than 500 students here," Buda said. "The players notice, and they've been disappointed."

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134-pounder Ron Higdon should contribute this year, Denney said.

Junior lettermen include Chuck Valgora at 126 and Ted Nelson at 118. Sophomore grapplers are Bill Glenn at 126, Darin Goodrum at 150 and Dan Radik at 167.

Denney said freshmen Marc Bauer at 126 and Scott Stogdill at 167 might start this year.

Recruiting is one of the reasons for the team's continued success, Denney said.

"We have wrestlers from nine different states including several guys that will provide immediate help — Scott Ruff at 142, Pat Gentzler at 190 and heavyweight Jim Poe will have a great impact in Division II," he said.

Ron Higdon at 134 and Larry Thompson at 150 were redshirted last year. "They were successful in 1988 and will be ready to contribute," Denney said.

Denney said some UNO wrestlers will face each other at "open" meets.

In open meets all wrestlers participate — there is no starting line-up. As a result, some wrestlers on the team will face each other.

"This is a good way to foster competition and help us see what we got," Denney said. "It is a really good way to figure out where everyone will be which is a concern because of our depth."

In several weight classes, the Mavs are two or three wrestlers deep, Denney said.

Mark Passer joins Ron Higdon at 134 pounds, giving UNO two All-Americans at one weight class. Higdon was a junior-

college All-American at Garden City Community College in Kansas last year.

Passer, who was 26-5-0 last year, said he is eager to wrestle at 134.

"I wrestled at 132 in high school," Passer said. "I like the bigger guys and the rougher wrestling at the higher weights." Phelps finished seventh in the Division II last year with a 17-16 record. Phelps will move to 142 with Scott Ruff. Ruff won the junior college tournament at 134 in 1988 and finished second in 1989.

Phelps said he hopes to wrestle 134 in January. Denney said he would choose between Passer or Higdon at 134 in January.

"I gained about seven pounds of muscle over the off season," Phelps said. "I just want to take it slow and kind of ease back into it."

All four All-Americans worked on different areas to improve their performance in the off-season.

Passer, who finished third in Division II last year, said he worked to improve his defense.

"I'm trying to be a little more aggressive. Coach John Shearer has shown me a lot of new moves and helped me to get a lot better," Passer said.

"Right now I'm trying to get back to last year. It's hard to get motivated right after the off-season," Passer said. "Wrestling is just a hobby, it's for fun. I just go out there and try to relax and have fun."

Wypiszewski, an academic All-American, said his goal is to be named to the Division II America team. Wypiszewski could be a four-time All-American if he remains healthy, Denney said.

Wypiszewski, nicknamed the "whipper," didn't think he could be a possible four-time All-American.

"I wasn't so sure when I first started, but after my freshman year, I knew I had a chance."

Jessie Smith, a senior who finished fifth in Division II last year at 28-7, will move from 158 to 167.

Smith said his goal is winning a Division II national championship.

"Last year when I started, I was really excited and just glad to be here," Smith said. "I am going to try and have a better NCAA tournament this year."

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it would be dangerous if you were bitten by a rabid skunk."

He said the main thing people need to do is to put animals into perspective.

"If you have one dog that kills a child, you don't get rid of all dogs. You have to put everything in perspective. That's what is important about any animal."

Geluso said bats in Nebraska eat insects and there are about 13 different species.

"They are extremely beneficial," he said. "They are the main predators of night-flying insects like moths and mosquitoes."

In the local area, Geluso said when he gives talks about bats, he always tells people they can see bats on a summer evening no matter where they live in Omaha.

"At dusk, if you look up in the sky, you can see bats. Every time I say that I go home and look up to make sure I'm not exaggerating. And every time I've looked up in my back yard, I've always seen a bat flying around."

Geluso said most Nebraska bats live in trees.

"What's interesting about the city is when the trees die we cut them down so there is no tree for the bats to live in," he said. "The bats will then find the next best thing which is usually attics. An attic to a bat is just a hollow tree."

Geluso said he receives many calls from people asking him what to do about bats in their attics and how to get rid of them.

"I usually tell them to just watch how the bats leave in the evening and then cover up the hole. But it is important that when you cover up the hole, that there's not a whole bunch of babies left behind."

He said the best time to block the bat holes is either early in the season, before the babies are born, or late in the season, when the baby bats have learned to fly.

"That's a very cheap and effective way to do it," Geluso said.

He said many people overreact when they find a bat in their

home.

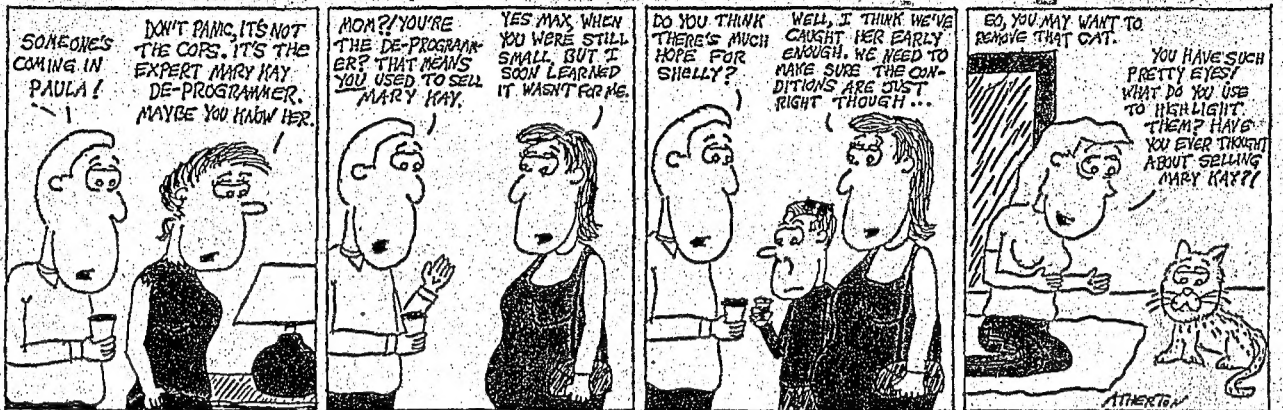
"Most people, if they see a mouse in their house, they don't go screaming out. And that's how they should treat bats," Geluso said. "I guess they are scared the bat is going to attack them, which they don't, or that they have rabies."

"It's just those misconceptions again," he said. "That goes back to the vampire bat. The vampire bat has given all bats a bad reputation."

But, he added, "There are no vampire bats in Omaha."

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